

**8/21/15 – Colorado Federal Executive Board (CFEB)**  
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## **FEDERAL AGENCY SPOTLIGHT**

**USDA's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS)** has a long, rich tradition of providing excellent programs and services to agricultural producers and industry. Our work has expanded to involve many segments of agriculture, which greatly increases the number of individuals and organizations we serve.

Secretary of Agriculture Henry Wallace consolidated several bureaus and programs in 1939 to create a single agency to carry out a comprehensive mission. The new Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) was charged with the facilitation of the efficient and fair marketing of American agricultural products, including food, fiber, and specialty crops. Today, AMS continues to administer programs that facilitate marketing and provide the agriculture industry with valuable services that help ensure the quality and availability of wholesome food for consumers throughout the United States and the world. AMS works to support rural economies, the agricultural industry, and local agriculture through several organizations. From individual farmers to international businesses, the AMS mission supports American agriculture and helps to ensure that the U.S. remains competitive in the global marketplace.

AMS supports agriculture through a variety of programs and organizations, which include the Office of the Administrator and staffs; Cotton and Tobacco Program; Dairy Program; Fruit and Vegetable Program; Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program; National Organic Program; Science and Technology Program; Transportation and Marketing Program; Commodity Procurement staff; Compliance and Analysis Program; and, Information Technology Service.

AMS programs and activities provide the basic infrastructure to improve market competitiveness to benefit consumers and producers of American agriculture. American agriculture is incredibly diverse and includes urban and rural operations of every size. It supports 1 in 12 U.S. jobs and provides safe, affordable food to consumers across the globe. The last four years represent the strongest in U.S. history, with U.S. agricultural product exports exceeding \$478 billion.

Economic vitality and quality of life in rural America and the U.S. economy at large depend on a competitive, efficient, and productive agricultural system. Agricultural producers encompass farmers, growers, ranchers, and small business owners who support rural communities in a challenging global, technologically advanced, and competitive business environment. In an era of market consolidation and intense competition, these producers rely on fair and open access to markets and information that AMS provides.

The AMS workforce is comprised of approximately 4,000 employees and is supplemented by Federal-State employees working under cooperative agreements. The workforce includes marketing specialists, commodity graders, economists, market news reporters, scientists, and analysts who support the marketing of American agricultural products and work in industry-specific processing plants, terminal and shipping point markets, production facilities, and office environments.

Larry R. Meadows | Associate Deputy Administrator | USDA, MRP, AMS, LPS | 202 253 2266

**Would you like the CFEB to feature your agency? Just email [jconn@colorado.feb.gov](mailto:jconn@colorado.feb.gov) or [gpage@colorado.feb.gov](mailto:gpage@colorado.feb.gov) your story!**

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## OPM

Information about OPM Cybersecurity Incidents

<https://www.opm.gov/cybersecurity/>

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## GSA

**Discounted Airfare Tickets to Federal Employees on Official Travel**

Effective October 1 | <http://cpsearch.fas.gsa.gov/>

**Per Diem Rates (CONUS only) - October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2016**

<http://www.gsa.gov/portal/getMediaData?mediaId=242371>

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## FEMA - AMERICA'S PREPAREATHON!

[www.ready.gov/prepare](http://www.ready.gov/prepare)

CONTACTS | [cari.roberts@icfi.com](mailto:cari.roberts@icfi.com) | [Daniel.Nyquist@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:Daniel.Nyquist@fema.dhs.gov)

**More info on Taking Action, Being Counted, and Spreading the Word -**

<http://www.colorado.feb.gov/index.php>

To move people to action, President Obama, through PPD-8 has directed all federal agencies to work with their stakeholders across the country to *"coordinate a comprehensive campaign to build and sustain national preparedness ..."*

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## COLORADO LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (CLDP)

Application Deadline 9/25//15

OPM Western Management Development Center | 1961 Stout St | Denver CO

CLDP Program Coordinator, Linda Wooten | 303 671 1154 | [Linda.wooten@opm.gov](mailto:Linda.wooten@opm.gov)

Download the Program Announcement, Schedule and Nomination Form at

<http://www.colorado.feb.gov/index.php?content=76&page=Leadership/Training>

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## **THE NATIONAL ARTS PROGRAM - 1st ANNUAL EXHIBIT & AWARDS**

**Delivering Entries:** September 21 - October 9 | 8:00 am - 4:30 pm | DFC Bldg 41 - Second Floor

**Public Exhibit:** October 19-30, 2015 | 6:00 am - 6:00 pm | DFC Bldg 41 - Second Floor

**Reception & Awards Ceremony:** October 20, 2015 | 4:00 pm | Byron Rogers Federal Bldg | 1961 Stout St | Denver CO

Register online | [www.nationalartsprogram.org/venues/state-of-colorado-federal-government](http://www.nationalartsprogram.org/venues/state-of-colorado-federal-government)

Michelle Saar | 303 236 8086 or Janet Paladino | 303 870 5594

Participants must be an employee, retiree or an immediate family member of an employee of US Federal Government in the State of Colorado. Registration deadline is September 1, 2015

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## **AUGUST CALENDAR**

### **BUREAU OF RECLAMATION'S 2015 WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY EVENT**

August 25, 2015 | 10:00 - 11:30 am | Denver Federal Center, Building 67, Hungry Horse Conference Room, Denver CO | FREE

CEO of the National Women's Hall of Fame, Ms. Tietjen, PE, is an author, national speaker, and an electrical engineer will provide an overview of the fight for women's rights in the U.S. and women's entry into the realm of politics in her presentation, "Failure is Impossible: The Legacy of Susan B. Anthony and the Suffragists".

CONTACT Kim Montoya | 303 445 3693 | [rmontoya@usbr.gov](mailto:rmontoya@usbr.gov)

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### **EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS EXERCISES**

Jeff Conn | [jconn@colorado.feb.gov](mailto:jconn@colorado.feb.gov) | 303 202 4588

Exercise information is posted on the CFEB website:

<http://www.colorado.feb.gov/index.php?content=87&page=EmergencyManagement>

**8/25 Building Collapse** <http://colorado.feb.gov/register/?ee=238>

**9/9 Recovery** <http://colorado.feb.gov/register/?ee=240>

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## **MEDITATION & MINDFULNESS GUIDED IMAGERY WEBINAR**

August 26, 2015 | 11:00 - 11:30 am

Register at [HTTP://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2167412662525613569](http://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2167412662525613569) | Please note this is only available for Fedstrive participating agencies.

FOH and Fedstrive present a monthly webinar. This webinar will introduce meditation and mindfulness and will include a brief session of guided imagery. Check with your manager to see if you a Fedstrive participating agency or call the nursing clinic at 303 236 3333

Brittany Plaven | 303 844 7333 | [Brittany.plaven@foh.hhs.gov](mailto:Brittany.plaven@foh.hhs.gov)

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## **FEDERAL EMPLOYMENT PANEL**

August 27, 2015 | 9:00 - 11:00 am | Interior Business Center, 7301 W. Mansfield Ave, Denver, CO | Free | Register at <https://colorado.feb.gov/register/?ee=286>

A diverse panel of Federal Employees will discuss their experiences in building a career with the Federal government, with the intent to promote Federal employment and to dispel myths regarding working for the Federal government. Sponsored by the CFEB Workforce Development Council & the Denver HR Summit.

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## **SEPTEMBER & BEYOND**

## **MOUNTAIN & PLAINS INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUDIT FORUM**

September 1-2, 2015 | The Antlers Hilton | Colorado Springs CO | Cost: \$225.00

Register: <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?EventID=1717455>

This year, the meeting's theme is Impact of New Auditing Methods on Government. Topics cover Futurist Thinking; Cybersecurity; IT Auditing, Criteria, and Tools; GAO's Green Book and COSO Standards; GAO's High Risk List and Fraud Risk Management Framework; Regional Economic Outlook; Ethics in Auditing; Law Enforcement Performance Auditing; Communication Strategies; and How to Take Ownership of Leadership. The registration fee includes continental

breakfasts, lunches, and breaks and 14 National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) continuing professional education (CPE) credits.

CONTACT Luis Escalante | 214 777 5693 | [escalantel@gao.gov](mailto:escalantel@gao.gov)

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### **USDA & DOI MULTI-CULTURAL DIVERSITY DAY**

September 9, 2015 | 10:30 am – 1:00 pm | Denver Federal Center | Bldg. 67, Hungry Horse Conference Room, 1st Floor, Cafeteria Break Area | FREE

Katherine K. Burse, USDA | 720 544 2863 | [katherine.burse-johnson@co.usda.gov](mailto:katherine.burse-johnson@co.usda.gov)

Duriye Powell, BOR | 303 445-3623 | [depowell@usbr.gov](mailto:depowell@usbr.gov)

Come out and join us for an educational day filled with guest speakers, diversity booth exhibits, giveaways, entertainment, and free food! Contact us if you would like to volunteer at this event.

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### **WOMEN VETERANS OF COLORADO 5TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

September 12, 2015 | Inverness Hotel & Conference Center | 200 Inverness Drive West, Englewood, CO | [www.womenveteransofcolorado.org](http://www.womenveteransofcolorado.org) | <http://bit.ly/WVOC2015Conference>

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### **IPMA-HR 2015 INTERNATIONAL TRAINING CONFERENCE & EXPO**

September 26-30, 2015 | Denver CO | Register [www.ipma-hr.org/itc2015/welcome](http://www.ipma-hr.org/itc2015/welcome)

Please join the former OPM Director Katherine Archuleta and others as they discuss HR issues with the theme "Together We Can Move HR Mountains".

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### **HR/SUPERVISOR TRAINING**

All Classes are 8:30 am - 3:00 pm | DFC Bldg 25 Lecture Hall | \$80 each

#### **10/6/15 | Preventing Hostile Work Environment Claims**

Online registration & Payment required | <https://colorado.feb.gov/register/?ee=282>

#### **11/17/15 | Basics of Performance Management**

Online registration & Payment required | <https://colorado.feb.gov/register/?ee=283>

#### **TRAINER | Bart Dubinsky**

Bart is a former Human Resources and Agency Workforce Relations Officer (with the Nuclear

Regulatory Commission, HHS and Interior). Bart's 30 years of Federal sector HR experience includes all of the HR functional areas, (e.g., workforce and succession planning, position classification, diversity and outreach, staffing and recruitment, training and development, employee and labor relations, ethics, performance management, and benefits). Bart has a Bachelor's degree in Business from the University of Missouri and J.D. from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law. Bart is also a state certified Mediator.

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## **CFEB QUARTERLY MEETING & TRAINING FORUM**

October 22, 2015 | 7:30 – 11:00 am | Lakewood CO | Registration Deadline 10/16/15  
\$28 (includes breakfast) | ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
<https://colorado.feb.gov/register/?ee=257>

### ***STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS (aka W.A.I.T. – Why Am I Talking)***

- ♦ Why are you talking?
- ♦ Do you know?
- ♦ Do you know what you should or should not be saying?
- ♦ Are you saying it the right way, to the right audience through the right medium?
- ♦ Is your messaging adapting as the situation develops and changes?

W.A.I.T. uses scenarios designed to provide you the tools needed to understand and develop an effective communication strategy for internal/external communication as well as media operations. This course will also walk you through how to interpret media questions, how to develop a response and how to keep continuity between internal and external audiences.

**TRAINERS** | VA Office of Public and Intergovernmental Affairs, Region 5  
**PAUL SHERBO**, Director | **ELAINE BUEHLER**, Assistant Director | **SHAUN SHENK**, Public Affairs Specialist

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## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY PROJECT REQUEST**

October 24, 2015  
<http://makeadifferenceday.com/>

**Federal Employees – Do you volunteer for a nonprofit organization that needs volunteers on Make a Difference Day, October 24, 2015?**

The Colorado Federal Executive Board's (CFEB) Workforce Development Council (WDC) is collecting volunteer opportunities scheduled on Make a Difference Day in Denver, Northern CO, Southern CO, and the West Slope. We plan on publicizing these opportunities to federal

employees throughout the state to encourage them to volunteer for projects in their communities.

If the organization you volunteer for needs help, please email Mary Jane Pendl-Trigilio | [maryjane.pendl-trigilio@va.gov](mailto:maryjane.pendl-trigilio@va.gov) | the following information:

- ♦ Name of Organization
- ♦ Contact Name | Phone | Email
- ♦ Project | e.g., assembling care packages for the homeless, food drive, neighborhood clean up
- ♦ Minimum Age for Volunteers
- ♦ Is the project appropriate for children under the age of 18?
- ♦ Can a family volunteer together?
- ♦ Number of Volunteers needed

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## **HUMAN RESOURCE RESPONSE TO DISASTERS & TRAUMATIC GRIEF**

October 27, 2015 | 10:00 am – Noon | Lakewood CO

Free | ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED | <https://colorado.feb.gov/register/?ee=285>

### **WORKSHOP TOPICS**

- ♦ Understanding Incident Stress, Traumatic Grief and what each of you can do
- ♦ Human Resource Processes, Procedures, and Actions for Dealing with Disasters
- ♦ Human Resource Communication Templates
- ♦ Employee Assistance Program resources

### **TRAINERS**

**Roger L. Jones** PMP, MPCP, MEP, MBCI, CAP | Emergency Management Specialist, DOI IBC

**Donna Vallejos** | Emergency Management Specialist, GSA

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## **MILE HIGH DICE**

*Annual CFEB/FEMA Emergency Preparedness Training & Tabletop Exercise*

November 4, 2015 | 8:00 am – 4:00 pm | Golden CO

FREE | ONLINE REGISTRATION REQUIRED | <https://colorado.feb.gov/register/?ee=284>

*Before you go online to register, make sure you have the name, phone and email of each team member*

### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

- ♦ Cities | Counties | State Government (FEMA Region VIII-CO, MT, ND, SD, UT & WY) | Federal Agencies | Private Sector
- ♦ Every agency/organization is encouraged to bring a team of eight (8) people to the exercise. One person from each team will take on the role of facilitator during the afternoon exercise.
- ♦ Recommended team members include Executive leadership, IT, HR, PIO, financial, records management & continuity of operations staff

**TOPIC**     HAZMAT (2015 RISC theme)

#### **PURPOSE**

- ♦ Provide a forum for interagency coordination and improvement of continuity plans
- ♦ Examine hazardous materials incident information and experiences to further our ability to prepare for these types of incidents that may impact the performance of essential functions

#### **OBJECTIVES**

- ♦ Discuss and examine the challenges, issues and best practices associated with a hazardous materials incident
- ♦ Increase organizational awareness about the importance of incorporating all-hazards into continuity planning
- ♦ Discuss ethical implications of large-scale disaster response in crisis decision making
- ♦ Identify solutions or alternative actions to challenges, gaps or vulnerabilities in organizational continuity plans and procedures

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### **MILITARY FAMILY FIRST DINNER**

November 14, 2015 | 5:00 - 10:00 pm | Southeast Family Center & Armed Services YMCA | 2190 Jet Wing Drive, CO Springs, CO | [ppymca.org](http://ppymca.org)

- ♦ FREE Dinner for active duty personnel & immediate family
- ♦ Fun prizes & activities
- ♦ Children's entertainment provided

Register Online | [www.ppymca.org/register](http://www.ppymca.org/register) | Search "2015 Military Family First Dinner"

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### **FEDERALLY EMPLOYED WOMEN (FEW) DENVER FEDERAL CENTER CHAPTER**

<http://rockymountainfew.org/>

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## **TRAINING @ DOI UNIVERSITY**

DOI University (DOIU) offers competency-based training courses and programs designed to increase the skills of all federal employees. Topics include Leadership, Management and Supervision, Acquisition Management, FAC-P/PM, Financial Management and Budgeting, Project Management, and Oral/Written Communication.

<https://doiu.doi.gov/catalog.html?type=sp&id=lakewood>

<https://doiu.doi.gov/catalog.html?type=c>

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## **DENVER FEDERAL CENTER DAM GOOD SPEAKERS TOASTMASTERS CLUB**

Meet on Tuesday's | 11:30 am - 12:30 pm | DFC Building 56, Buffalo Bill Conference Room | Denver CO | \$20 enrollment fee plus \$36 membership fee then \$36 semi-annually thereafter

<http://damgoodspeakers.toastmastersclubs.org>

Amy Sjerven | 303 445 2849 | [asjerven@usbr.gov](mailto:asjerven@usbr.gov)

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## **VAN & CARPOOL**

Vanpools needing riders are listed on the CFEB web site

<https://www.colorado.feb.gov/index.php?content=78&page=VanPools>

If you would like the CFEB to add your van or carpool to the web site, email the information to [gpage@colorado.feb.gov](mailto:gpage@colorado.feb.gov)

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## **HEALTH DOES MATTER**

### **NEW Wellness Activity! – Mile High Walking Club**

Every Thursday Starting September 3, 2015 | 11:30 am – 12:00 pm | Denver Federal Center, Bldg. 40, Entrance W-3, Rm A1115 (nursing clinic) | Free, open to all Federal employees & contractors

Mile High Walking Club is a lunch time exercise group. We will walk for 30 minutes around the DFC campus.

Brittany Plaven | 303 844 7333 | [Brittany.plaven@foh.hhs.gov](mailto:Brittany.plaven@foh.hhs.gov)

## **BONFILS DFC BLOOD DRIVE**

2nd Thursday of each month | 8:00 am - 1:30 pm  
Denver Federal Center | Bldg 67 | Hungry Horse Room  
SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT | [www.bonfils.org](http://www.bonfils.org) (site code is 2015) | 303 363 2300  
Betty Palcsak | 303 236-6905 | [bpalcsak@usgs.gov](mailto:bpalcsak@usgs.gov)

#### **AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONATIONS**

<http://www.redcrossblood.org/2015-summer>

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#### **LIGHTEN UP!**

Experience is a tough teacher. It gives the test before presenting the lesson – **Vernon Law**

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#### **PETS OF THE WEEK**

*Adopt a pet and save a life*

**Maggie** | Boxer/Bulldog Mix | Female | 2 years old

**Link** | Dobi/Lab Mix | Male | 1.5 years old

MY FAIRY DAWG MOTHER RESCUE | 720 939 7017 | <http://www.dogrescuecolorado.org/>

**Brody** (159704) | male Australian Cattle Dog mix | 1-year-old

FOOTHILLS ANIMAL SHELTER | 303-278-7575 | [info@fas4pets.org](mailto:info@fas4pets.org)

<http://www.FoothillsAnimalShelter.org>

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#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

##### **VOLUNTEERS & FOSTER HOMES NEEDED FOR CAT SHELTER**

Angels With Paws | 2540 Youngfield St | Lakewood CO

Please contact shelter manager Sondra Bailey | 303 274 2264 |

<http://www.angelswithpaws.net/volunteering/>

##### **SISTERHOOD OF THE TRAVELING PETS**

Saturdays (year round) | 9:00 am - 3:00 pm | Colorado Springs/Denver

<https://www.facebook.com/sisterhoodofthetravelingpets>

Sassie Skelton | 719 482 0705

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## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS**

<https://www.usajobs.gov/>

### **US Forest Service Region 2**

<https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/Outreach/>

### **USDA Forest Service, Various Locations**

HUMAN RESOURCE SPECIALIST | GS-0201-11/12 | Milwaukee, WI

Respond through Outreach link:

<https://fsoutreach.gdcii.com/?id=AE0CAFE3F6364C91B548216EC329980F>

### **National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC) Age 55+ | NRCS - Escondido, CA**

Forester Position | [https://www.nowcc.org/r/positions/view.aspx?record\\_id=3454](https://www.nowcc.org/r/positions/view.aspx?record_id=3454)

### **National Older Worker Career Center (NOWCC) AGE 55+ | EPA - Denver and Golden, CO**

2 Lab Support Assistant

[https://www.nowcc.org/r/positions/view.aspx?record\\_id=3488](https://www.nowcc.org/r/positions/view.aspx?record_id=3488)

[https://www.nowcc.org/r/positions/view.aspx?record\\_id=3494](https://www.nowcc.org/r/positions/view.aspx?record_id=3494)

Partnerships and Environmental Stewardship Support

[https://www.nowcc.org/r/positions/view.aspx?record\\_id=3514](https://www.nowcc.org/r/positions/view.aspx?record_id=3514)

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## **CFEB EMAIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To submit information to be included in the announcements, please email it by Wednesday of each week to [iconn@colorado.feb.gov](mailto:iconn@colorado.feb.gov) in the following format.

Title

Date | Time

Location | 3333 W 32 Ave | Denver CO (no punctuation)

Cost (if applicable)

Brief Description (very short marketing blurb | a couple of bullet points or sentences)

CONTACT Name | 303 333 5555 | email

Website

Recent CFEB announcements are posted on the CFEB web site

<https://www.colorado.feb.gov/index.php?content=10&page=Announcements>

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*Have a safe and wonderful weekend!*

Gay & Jeff

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Jeff Conn | CFEB Outreach Strategist | [jconn@colorado.feb.gov](mailto:jconn@colorado.feb.gov)

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